

REMARKS

The Office action mailed August 14, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims under consideration 44 and 49 were allowed. Claims under consideration 46 and 50 were rejected. The application is to be amended as previously set forth. Withdrawn claims that were not method claims have been canceled. Withdrawn method claims have been amended to include elements of what is believed to be the allowable claims so that the Examiner may consider them for rejoinder. All amendments and claim cancellations are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Basis for the amendment to withdrawn claim 20 is found in now canceled claim 25. Basis for the amendment to withdrawn claim 51 is found in now canceled claims 52 and 53. Minor typographical errors have also been corrected. New claims 54 through 57 are dependent claims directed to peptides consisting of the particular sequences. No new matter has been added.

A. The Specification:

The specification has been amended to redact the alleged hyperlink. The objection to the specification should thus be withdrawn.

B. 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 46 and 50 were rejected as assertedly being anticipated by Tischer et al. for recitation of SEQ ID NO:8 in the Markush group. Claims 46 and 50 have been amended to delete the reference to SEQ ID NO:8. Thus, applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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The application should now be in condition for allowance. If, however, questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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